GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN THE IMPORT OF PESTICIDES
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is an increase in the import of pesticides every year;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether the domestic industry has suffered due to import of pesticides;

(d) If so, the steps taken by the Government to reduce the import of pesticides and boost the domestic pesticides industry in the country;

(e) Whether the use of chemicals pesticides has adversely affected the crop production in the country; and

(f) If so the details in the regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

(a)to (c) The Government follows liberalized regime for production, export and import of pesticides.As per the statistics maintained by Directorate General Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkatta, the production, export and import of pesticides during the last 5 years is as follows.

(Figures in 000'MT)

GROUP	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Growth (%)CARG 07/01-02)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	(06-
4.Pesticides (Tech.)							
Production	82	70	85	94	82	85	0.72
Imports	1	1	3	3	3	3	24.57
Exports	13	26	26	27	27	33	20.48

Pesticides include Insecticides monitored by the Department.

(d) to (f) Does not arise in view of above.